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1. WE AGREE WITH MISSION'S COMMENTS REF C ON POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WITH SETTING UP DISTINCT MACHINERY SUCH AS SPC SUBGROUP. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO MINIMIZE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE MILITARY/TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AND BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE THIS QUESTION WITH UK BEFORE OPTION III IS INTRODUCED INTO NATO.

2. LONDON SHOULD, THEREFORE SEEK TO GAIN BRITISH ACCEPTANCE OF IDEA THAT IF THERE WERE PROBLEMS THAT ALLIES FELT REQUIRED MORE DETAILED STUDY, THESE COULD BE HANDLED BY EXPERTS IN THE CONTEXT OF SPC MEETINGS WITHOUT ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL SEPARATE SUBGROUP, WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD ENTAIL UNNECESSARY BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS UNRELATED TO SUBSTANCE OF ISSUES UNDER EXAMINATION. LONDON CAN POINT OUT THAT WE WILL

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BE FIELDING TEAM OF EXPERTS WHO WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS

THESE ISSUES AT THE SPC.

3. HOWEVER, IF IT APPEARS THAT BRITISH WILL INSIST THAT A
SEPARATE GROUP BE ESTABLISHED, LONDON MAY TELL FCO THAT WE
WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE APPROPRIATE AD-HOC BODY SUCH AS
THEY SUGGEST EXAMINE SOME FEW SPECIFIC, CLARLY DEFINED
QUESTIONS OF A MILITARY/TECHNICAL NATURE ON AN URGENTX
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